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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY  
TO 451 FLORENCE BLVD  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

Mr. Richard Johns  
Groundwater Quality Division  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 30028  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Johns:

Ethyl Corporation operated a chemical and engineering research laboratory in Ferndale, Michigan from 1937 until late 1983. The facility and our activities there are described in detail in Attachment A. A number of tests have been made at the site to check for contamination and these are discussed in Attachments A-G. You will note from the Attachments that we have been working with the Groundwater Quality Division of the Michigan DNR on this matter since early 1986.

The site appears on page 163 of the "307" Proposed Priority Lists dated November, 1986. Both Mr. Steve Cunningham and Ms. Virginia Loselle of your staff have stated that the site has a very low priority. The fact that the site is on the "307" list makes it extremely unlikely that we will be able to either sell or donate the property on any acceptable basis.

The data on the site indicate that the amount of organic contaminants in the ground on a conservatively high basis is no more than twelve pounds (see Attachment G). Further, there is no use of groundwater anywhere in the area. We believe that sufficient data are available to conclude that this site does not contain hazardous substances in a quantity which is or may become injurious to the environment, or to the public's health, safety, or welfare. Therefore, by this letter, we request you to remove this site from the "307" list and to provide us with a written statement that the site has been removed from the list. If you wish to discuss this request directly, I will meet with you in Lansing at your request.

Sincerely,

D. E. Park  
Director

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Steve Cunningham (letter only)  
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